

Antidumping and Countervailing Duties (AD/CVD) Update July 2015

AD/CVD Orders In Place – as of July 13, 2015

CBP enforces over 320 AD/CVD Orders on approximately 130 commodities from 41 countries.

AD/CVD Orders by Country (top ten):

<u>Country</u>	<u>AD</u>	<u>CVD</u>	<u>Total</u>
China	100	31	131
India	15	8	23
Taiwan	20	1	21
Korea	14	3	17
Japan	15		15
Indonesia	8	3	11
Mexico	10		10
Vietnam	8	2	10
Brazil	7	2	9

AD/CVD Orders by Commodity Group (top ten):

Product	Group Total
Iron & steel: Mill products	71
Miscellaneous manufactured products	57
Chemicals and pharmaceuticals	48
Iron & steel: Pipe products	44
Iron & steel: Other products & castings	42
Metals and minerals	24
Agricultural, forest, and processed food pro	ducts 22
Plastics, rubber, stone, and glass products	11
Textiles and apparel	4
Machinery and electronic/scientific equipme	ent 3

Source: United States International Trade Commission

Outreach to the Steel Industry

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) personnel toured several steel mills in the Greater Chicago area in May 2015 as a part of participation in a Steel Identification, Classification, and Trade Law Seminar organized by the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) and other representatives of the U.S. steel industry.

Steel manufacturing has seen significant impact from international competitors; the tours and seminars were geared towards ensuring that CBP personnel gained great product and industry knowledge.

The group visited three steel mills, and witnessed the manufacturing process from start to finish. The delegation was led through the manufacturing process that turns bulk scrap metal into pipes, rods, and slabs for subsequent use in a variety of industries. The seminar covered further information on production techniques, tariff classification, AD/CVD orders covering steel products, and evasion schemes.

The Chicago seminar is part of an annual series of steel seminars for CBP and customs brokers provided by the U.S. steel industry. Other 2015 steel seminars are/were scheduled as follows: Houston (March), Buffalo (June), San Francisco (July), and Savannah (September).

Evasion of Antidumping Duties on Plastic Bags from China

On June 22, 2015, the federal government filed a lawsuit against a California plastics company to collect \$1.5 million in penalties. The lawsuit charges the company and its owners of misclassifying shipments of plastic bags from China to escape more than \$250,000 in antidumping duties. The entry documents falsely classified the entries filed with CBP under U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) classification. 3923.21.0095, claiming that the entries only contained plastic produce rolls. The entries were actually subject to an antidumping duty order requiring application of an antidumping duty rate of 77.57 percent.